

REMARKS

In the Office Action of August 8, 2006, the claims have been subject to restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121, and divided into the ten (10) groups as set forth in the Office action.

Applicants hereby elect, for further prosecution on the merits, the group I claims, i.e. claims 9, 16, 50, 52 and 53 for further prosecution on the merits.

Applicants note that claims 1-5, 7, 12-15, 17-18 and 22 are considered to be linking claims for inventions I-VIII. Applicants assume that the linking claims will be considered with the elected claims for further prosecution on the merits. Applicants reserve the right to request rejoinder in the event that the linking claims are ultimately found to be allowable.

The claims have been further subject to an election of species requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121.

In accordance with this requirement, applicants hereby elect the following species

P-selectin activity increases the level of P-selectin in plasma; and

Hemophilia A

The claims readable on the elected species include the following claims: 1, 2, 9, 12-16, 22, 60, 52 and 53.

It is understood that upon the allowance of a generic claim in this application, applicant will be entitled to allowance of those additional species not elected pursuant to this election of species requirement.

In view of the foregoing, prompt and favorable action on this application is respectfully requested.

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